

## HOLIDAY BLAZE DESTROYS GIFTS TO PORTLANDERS

LILLIAN APARTMENTS GUTTED BY EARLY MORNING FIRE TODAY

## CHICAGO AND JUAREZ HAVE CONFLAGRATIONS

Livestock Brokers Lose Offices While Many Thirsty Souls in El Paso Mourn Loss of \$150,000 Worth of Christmas Booze.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Over 100 persons were forced to flee from the Lillian apartments here early this morning when fire swept the apartment house. They faced death and serious injury when the flames and smoke belched through the building.

A woman and her daughter jumped from the second story into the arms of pedestrians. They were uninjured. A score or more were carried to safety.

The fire started in the basement, and it is believed to have been caused by defective wiring. The occupants lost all of their personal belongings including Christmas gifts. The loss is about \$60,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Forty livestock commission firms lost their offices when fire destroyed the third floor of the livestock building in the heart of the Chicago stockyards. The damage was estimated at \$75,000.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 26.—The night before Christmas was a sad time in Juarez. It was also sad in El Paso, which is dependent on Juarez for its holiday booze. Nearly \$150,000 worth of liquor was lost in a \$500,000 fire here Sunday, which destroyed an entire block of saloons and other dispensaries.

## UNIVERSITY GETS FINE XMAS PRESENT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Ten thousand dollars in cash was the Christmas gift made to the University of Oregon by a friend of the institution who lives 3000 miles from Eugene. The donor is Mrs. Alice W. Wisley, of Asbury, N. J. She has requested that her gift be used as a student loan fund.

The sum is the largest benefaction received by the university since alumni and others gave \$28,000 in September to launch the endowment campaign of "Ten Million Dollars in Ten Years."

President P. L. Campbell of the university is the originator of a plan whereby the Wisley gift of \$10,000 may be used as a guarantee fund upon which to base loans ranging from an aggregate of \$50,000 to \$100,000. Thus the original gift, under the plan, may be made five to ten fold more effective than it usually is the case with such gifts.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES HELD AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Ashland churches in general observed Christmas day with special services. Among those, that of the Congregational church was exceptionally fine. The interior of the building was skillfully decorated under the supervision of Mrs. J. L. Smith. At the close of the services each child was given a gift of candy from the Sunday school.

The morning service was featured with a Christmas anthem, while Rev. W. Judson Oldfield based his sermon on the entry of the wise men who journeyed far to bring their richest gifts to their Savior and king.

Evening services were merged into vesper service at 5 o'clock. A Christmas tree was the central motif for a collection of food and clothing which had been assembled as an offering to the needy in the community. Children gave their offerings for the Near East relief.

Here from 'out of hand'—Miss Glen Roberts, former Ashland girl, who is now working in Portland, is visiting with relatives and friends in the city.

## From Junior Red Cross to Brussels



Scene at the recent dedication in Brussels of the playground for children—the gift of the American Junior Red Cross. The bourgeoisie (mayor) of Brussels, M. A. Max, is seen in silk hat, standing beside Miss Benedict, assistant director general of the American Junior Red Cross in Europe.

## 4 POWER PACT IS PROPOSED BY GERMAN LEADER

WILL MAINTAIN PEACE IN EUROPE FOR 30 YEARS IS PLAN

## BOUNDARY LINES WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED

England, France and Italy Asked to Join in Treaty; America Requested to Act in Intermediary Capacity; France Rejects Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The new German government, headed by Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, has formally proposed to the world powers a new peace pact, built out of the ashes of the world war and designed to maintain peace in Europe for the next 30 years by mutual agreement. It was learned authoritatively here.

Germany proposes that England, France, Italy and Germany enter a four-power pact to observe and preserve the European boundaries as they now exist for the next 30 years. Germany asks America for approval and is believed to have asked the American government to act in an intermediary capacity in presenting the proposition to foreign chancellors.

Premier Poincare is understood to have declined the proposals on the ground that the French constitution does not provide any such referendum.

## DAUGHERTY RESIGNATION IN MARCH IS OFFICIALLY DENIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—An official denial of the rumor that Attorney General Daugherty would resign March 4th was given here by the department of justice today.

## FARM BUREAU UNIT NEWLY ORGANIZED BY BELLEVUE MEN

Farmers of the Bellevue district of Ashland organized a community unit of the county farm bureau at a recent meeting. Fourteen families were represented and all pledged their financial support to the movement for the coming year.

This is the first community in Jackson county to organize a local unit since the adoption of this plan by the state farm bureau federation. One of the prime problems before the organization will be that of irrigation. Meetings will be held the last Saturday evening of each month under present plans.

Officers elected at the time of organization are as follows: J. R. McCracken, of Meyer creek, president; J. D. Lowe, of near Talent, vice-president; and H. R. Reichert, of Talent, secretary-treasurer.

## CONCLUDE TESTIMONY IN LAND FRAUD CASES

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 26.—The taking of testimony in the suit brought by the state of Oregon against Alva C. Marsters, of Roseburg, and the Fort Klamath Meadows company, has been concluded in circuit court here. Final arguments will be heard by Judge Leavitt at Roseburg, February 19. The case involves title to 8000 acres of land which, the state alleges, was fraudulently obtained by Marsters 20 years ago by means of dummy locators.

## MISS MAYE KAEGI QUIETLY MARRIED

Although friends knew of the contemplated nuptials, it was learned with much surprise today that Miss Maye Kaegi, one of the city's young people of the younger set, and Max Camps, of Yreka, Calif., stole a march on them when they were quietly married in Medford at 10 o'clock Saturday evening. The young couple were attended by a sister of the bride, Miss Mildred Kaegi, and Mrs. Cleo Mast, who acted in the capacity of witnesses. Mrs. Max Camps is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kaegi, 517 Boulevard.

Mr. Camps is a prominent young business man of Yreka, and is connected with the Ford garage in that town.

The young couple have left for Yreka, where they will make their future home.

## ASHLAND NEWS IN PARAGRAPH

### Mrs. Oeder Entertains—

Mrs. Emma Oeder entertained at a Christmas dinner at her home on Granite street. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. John Dill and Miss Lynda Oeder.

### Hammond Funeral Today—

Funeral services for Charles Wesley Hammond, who died at his home at 649 East Main street December 23, were held from the H. C. Stock undertaking parlors, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. J. S. Chaney officiated, while interment was made in Mountainview cemetery.

### Mrs. Lennox Entertains—

Among the many delightful Christmas dinner parties was one given by Mr. and Mrs. James Lennox, of the Valleyview district. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCracken, Mr. Hurley of Talent, Mr. Nicholls of Tacoma, who is visiting with the Lennox family over the holidays, the Misses Elizabeth and Leona Lennox and the host and hostess.

### Edwards Family Entertains—

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards entertained at 6 o'clock goose dinner Christmas at their home on Third street. The evening was spent in playing cards. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George King and Little son, Mrs. Emma Coffee, Miss Georgie Coffee and J. F. Place.

### Walking on Crutches—

Horace Mitchell, of East Main street, is going on crutches at present, having been hurt by a plow some time ago.

## COMING EVENTS

- December 26—Christmas social. Methodist church.
- Monday, January 1, 1923.
- January 1-5—Week of prayer in Ashland churches.
- January 9—Theresa Sheehan company, Lyceum course.
- January 26—"Captain of Plymouth." High school opera.

## ASHLAND COUPLE CELEBRATE DATE OF WEDDING IN 1860

Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. Johnson quietly celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. O. Van Natta, on Chestnut street, on Christmas day. Though these grand old people spent the greater portion of their married life in Kansas, they have lived in Ashland for the past 18 years.

Though Mr. Johnson is now 81 years of age, he is spry as a man much his junior. Through his own efforts he has cleared several orchard tracts since coming to this vicinity and has won many prizes for the quality of his fruit. Among the many fairs at which he has exhibited are the Lewis and Clark exposition, Portland, 1904, where he received a gold medal for peaches. His fruit has won sweepstakes at local exhibitions and he has numerous gold and silver medals, and many varied-colored ribbons from fairs as far away as New Orleans and San Diego.

He was born September 27, 1841, later marrying Mary E. Davis. Among his ancestors are many famous and noted people, including Captain Edward Johnson, who came from England in the fleet with Governor Winthrop in 1630; Franklin Pierce, president of the United States; Frederick Law Olmstead, noted landscape architect, who planned the construction of Central Park in New York city in 1856, and the capitol grounds at Washington, D. C.

Members of the family, who were present at the anniversary dinner, were Mrs. Jennie Gilbert and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Van Natta, Mrs. R. W. Conover and three children.

## DENY RUMOR FAMOUS FRENCH ACTRESS DYING

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The report that Sarah Bernhardt, famous French actress, was dying, was formally denied here today. Her secretary says the actress is able to sit up now for the first time since her recent illness and has suffered no relapse. She hopes to receive friends by New Year's day.

### Returns from Roseburg—

Miss Elladen Stennett, who was visiting friends and relatives in Roseburg over the holidays, returned to the city today, called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. L. E. Stennett.

### Vining Tree Enjoyed—

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree given by the management of the Vining theatre Sunday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed, especially by the children, who received gifts of candy and nuts. A splendid program was offered, including a fine comedy and a novel film entitled "A Trip to Paramount Town," showing the movie industry.

### Entertains Christmas Day—

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Greer entertained with a turkey dinner Christmas day. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Dill, Mrs. Emma Coffee, Miss Georgie Coffee, Misses Nona, Elbert and Lillian Greer, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Greer.

### Visiting Benedict Family—

Mrs. Effie Elliott, of Bellingham, Wash., has arrived in Ashland and will visit her father, G. W. Benedict and family, for a time, after which she will visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, east of town, and on route home expects to stop off at Myrtle Creek to visit her youngest sister, Mrs. E. W. Redifer, and also her nephew, Oscar A. Cooper, of Eugene. Mrs. Elliott was in Ashland 14 years ago, and has not visited before since that time in the city. She notices some changes here.

## President at Unknown Hero's Tomb



President Harding laying a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown American Soldier at Arlington cemetery. Detachments of sailors, marines and regulars took part in the ceremony.

## LA GRANDE WOMAN WILL ASSIST PIERCE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—Miss Celia E. Bollman, of La Grande, has been appointed assistant secretary to Governor-elect Pierce. Miss Bollman has acted as secretary for Mr. Pierce for several years, it was said. She will succeed Miss Violet Welborn, who has served as assistant secretary for Governor Olcott for the last three years.

Miss Bollman will arrive in Salem about January 1, according to an announcement made by the governor-elect.

## ARCHIE ANDERSON WEDS CALIFORNIAN

Archie B. Anderson, son of G. R. Anderson, 430 Holly street, was married on Christmas day to Miss Mary Irene Smith, of El Centro, Calif., according to word received in the city. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of the Ashland high school, and completed his course at the Oregon Agricultural college in 1920, later going to California.

At present, Mr. Anderson is connected with the Imperial Valley Produce association, and has his headquarters at Holtville, Calif. His many friends in the city will be surprised to learn of his marriage, and will wish him a long and happy life. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will reside in Holtville.

Logging camps at Silverton have closed down for the winter.

## NORTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE DOES GREAT DAMAGE

TERRIFIC WIND ABATES AFTER SHIPPING HAS SEVERE LOSSES

## GALE ESTIMATED AT 100 MILES PER HOUR

Waves 60 Feet High Sweep Rails And Lifeboats From Many Steamers; Three Must Be Refitted Before Return Voyages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The worst hurricane which has swept the North Atlantic in many years abated today after causing terrific damage to shipping. Steamship lines reported all vessels delayed but none missing. Belated ships are reporting by wireless. Rails and lifeboats of many steamers were reported smashed.

The "Cedric," "Zealand" and "United States" must be refitted before they set out for a return voyage. A hundred miles an hour gale lashed the ocean into waves 60 feet high.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Probable weather condition for the period of December 25 to 30, inclusive, are forecast as follows:

Pacific Coast States—Generally fair in southern California; considerable cloudiness and occasional rain elsewhere; normal temperature.

Northern Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions—Generally fair but with probability of local snows in mountains; normal temperatures.

## 'MURDERED' GIRL SENDS MESSAGE TO PORTLAND POLICE

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—New complexities are added to the alleged "houseboat murder mystery," when the supposed victim wrote a letter to Chief of Police Jenkins asserting that she is the 15-year-old girl who was in the houseboat at the time Mrs. Helen Leary asserts Cash Weir and his son Earl murdered her. The note was signed "Jane Doe," and she said she does not wish her name known due to the shame it would bring on the family.

The girl says Mrs. Leary's story is false, and that it is inspired by jealousy over Earl Weir. The letter says the Leary woman is jealous of her, and that she was paying attention to Earl. They fought and the unidentified girl fled.

If the girl can be located, police believe the mystery will be solved; if she is not found, it remains more complex. The girl says she is unharmed. Chief Jenkins will protect Mrs. Herman Foster, who went on her identity if she appears.

## PUBLIC HEARING MER ROUGE SET FOR JANUARY 5

ONE ARREST MADE IN ALLEGED KLAN KIDNAPPING CASE

## SECRET SERVICE MEN WATCH ALL SUSPECTS

Any More Will Result in Arrest; Funeral Services for Murdered Men Held with 1000 in Attendance—Troops Guard Bodies.

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 26.—The state of Louisiana is so confident that its case of kidnapping and murder of Walt Daniels and Thomas Richards is strong enough to convince anyone, even sympathizers with the person accused of the crime, that a change of venue will not be asked when the preliminary hearing begins January 5, it is stated here.

T. J. Burnett, the only man arrested so far, denies he is a klanman, and says he will have no difficulty in proving his innocence of the murder charge.

It is likely no more arrests will be made until a public hearing. Every suspect is being watched, and any suspicious move or attempt to get away would result in instant arrest by secret service men.

A thousand persons witnessed the burial services for Daniels and Richards. They were laid in graves, side by side, 12 miles north of this little hamlet. The funeral was a double one, with military honors being accorded Daniels, a world war veteran. Troopers of the state guard accompanied the bodies to the cemetery and there, facing the lowering sun, fired three shots that ever will resound in the ears of many friends who went to pay last respects to them.

## FIVE GUESS WEIGHT OF PLAZA BIG STICK

Guesses as to the weight of the Plaza confectionery's big stick of candy were made by 512 people and varied from two pounds to 65. The correct weight of the large piece of candy was 14 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

Fifty people guessed the weight as 14 pounds and 8 ounces. In order to decide the winner, lots were resorted to. The lucky winner was O. G. Conwell, while Everett Van Dyke was given second prize, a large candy cane. Others guessing the same weight were Louise Ruger, M. E. Rowley and R. Freeman.

Two guesses of 65 pounds were made by Mrs. R. L. McCounough and Eleanor Coombes, who received the "booby" prize, consisting of a 12-pound all-day sucker.

Judges for the contest were U. G. Coleman, E. M. Butler and Charles Gilmore. Foss Cramer drew the names of the winners in the presence of witnesses.

## PAST YEAR DISASTROUS FROM FIRES IN FORESTS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Nearly 6000 forest fires were started on the national forests of the country in 1921, says Chief Forester W. B. Greeley in his annual report received by Forester George H. Cecil, in Portland. One-fourth of these fires were due to lightning and one-third directly attributable to the carelessness of campers. Brush burners, lumbermen, incendiaries and railroads were directly responsible for the bulk of the remaining fires.

More than 375,000 acres of national forest land were burned over with a damage loss of \$200,000 during 1921 and the cost of fighting these fires amounted to \$322,811.

## CASH NEEDED, SO KAISER SELLS \$10,000 PHOTOGRAPH

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 26.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, being in need of money for Christmas, has sold a wedding photograph of himself in a field marshal's uniform, and his bride, Princess Hermine, wearing her famous diadem.

The picture was disposed of to an American agency for \$10,000.